

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Laos

a. Souvanna now hopes to meet with Souphannouvong tomorrow.

b. He plans to assure Souphannouvong, as he said in a broadcast last night, that "all the rightists in the country have completely agreed to return power to me."

c. At present, the facts deny these brave words. The coup generals appear to retain effective control over the government.

d. General Siho still commands the military units in the capital, and stringent controls have been imposed on financial transactions, news media, and the movements of foreigners.

e. The military situation remains uneasy.



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2. Cyprus

a. The island is relatively calm at the moment.

b. Turkish Cypriots have agreed to a ceasefire in the Kyrenia mountain area where the Greek Cypriot offensive took place last weekend.

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c. Both the Greeks and Greek Cypriots seem to want to keep the situation quiet over the four-day Orthodox Easter weekend that began yesterday.

d. The danger of Turkish intervention seems to have receded, at least temporarily.

3. Congo

a. The Leopoldville government is urgently airlifting more troops into southeast Kivu Province after a terrorist attack on Congo Army forces there yesterday.

b. Casualties are reported to have been heavy, and Colonel Mulamba, commander of the 3rd Congo Army Group, and one of the Congo's most competent officers, is said to be missing.

c. The specific indentity and objectives of the terrorists have not been established. [REDACTED]

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from one to "several" thousand self-styled "Mulelists" have recently been operating in this area.

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4. USSR-India

a. The USSR has offered to help India build the first stage of the Bokaro steel plant.

b. The Indian steel minister, who announced this to Parliament yesterday, said a team of Soviet experts will visit India soon to work out details.

c. New Delhi has also been seeking funds for this project in the West and in Japan.

d. The Soviets have assisted with another steel plant at Bhilai with an expenditure of over \$200 million, more than one fourth of the \$800 million in economic aid which the USSR has made available to India since 1955.

NOTES

- A. USSR-Egypt Khrushchev will arrive in Cairo next Saturday [redacted] He will depart from Odessa on Wednesday for a leisurely boat trip.
- B. Rumania-US A Rumanian Government industrial and commercial delegation hopes to begin talks in Washington next Friday. Included in its shopping list are rubber plants, chemical and synthetics factories, several oil industry plants, a nuclear power station, and a glass factory.
- C. Communist China Prospects for the winter wheat crop are not bright. The crop, plagued with unseasonal cold and excessive moisture, is now threatened by an infestation of rust, which the Chinese are ill-equipped to handle. At present, Chinese grain purchases abroad are running at about the same rate as last year's record level.
- D. UK The latest Gallup Poll shows a further decline in the popularity of the Conservative Party. Labor is now 13.5 percent ahead.
- E. Cuba Castro devoted about a fifth of his May Day speech to the issue of US overflights. He stressed Cuba's determination to bring about an end to the flights by violence if necessary, but stressed even more his regime's determination to exhaust every peaceful means before taking action against them.

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